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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE
FOR TURKEY

1. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL TELEPHONED COUNSELOR NIMETZ AFTER-
NOON OF APRIL 28 TO CALL TO HIS ATTENTION AN ARTICLE BY
HENRY BRADSHAW IN THE WASHINGTON STAR OF THE SAME DAY. THE

ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE OPPONENTS
OF ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY ARE WORKING ON A COMPROMISE WHICH
WOULD DELETE THE F-4 AIRCRAFT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION'S
PACKAGE. (FULL SUMMARY OF ARTICLE IN PARA 4 BELOW.)

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2. THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO
THE STORY. COUNSELOR NIMETZ TOLD HIM HE HAD SEEN THE STORY
AND THAT SUCH INFORMATION HAD NOT COME FROM THE STATE DE-
PARTMENT. HE STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS STANDING
BY THE PRESENTATION MADE TO THE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE ON
APRIL 21. NONETHELESS, THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE AWARE THAT

THE PACKAGE WAS CONTROVERSIAL AND THAT ONE COULD NOT GUARANTEE WHAT THE FINAL OUTCOME WOULD BE, GIVEN CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES. THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS WILL BE DIFFICULT ONES AND IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE WORKED TOGETHER TO PLAY DOWN RATHER THAN DRAMATIZE EACH DAY'S MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS.

3. FOR ANKARA: SHOULD GOT RAISE THIS ARTICLE OR SIMILAR SUPPOSITIONS, YOU SHOULD TAKE SAME APPROACH AS THAT IN PARA 2 ABOVE. FYI: FORCES IN CONGRESS MAY LEAD TO EVENTUAL CHANGES IN F-4 SEGMENT OF OUR PACKAGE, SO YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE TO STRESS NEED FOR PATIENT COOPERATION TO PRESERVE OUR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO DENY ACCURACY OF STORY.

4. APRIL 28 WASHINGTON STAR FRONT PAGED HENRY BRADSHER ARTICLE REPORTING THAT CONGRESSIONAL OPPONENTS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY ARE WORKING OUT COMPROMISE WITH ADMINISTRATION FOR FY 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW TURKEY TO RECEIVE \$175 MILLION IN FMS PURCHASE AND FINANCING AUTHORITY BUT NO WAIVER OF FMS CEILING TO ALLOW CONTINUATION OF F-4 PROCUREMENT UNDER FMS CONTRACT. ARTICLE REPORTED SENATORS EAGLETON AND SARBANES AND REPRESENTATIVES BRADEMANS AND ROSENTHAL WERE "FURIOUS" ABOUT F-4'S BUT WILLING TO ALLOW TURKEY SOME MILITARY SALES WITHOUT THE AIRCRAFT. PRESIDENT HAD NOT YET ACCEPTED THE COMPROMISE, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, BUT WAS EXPECTED TO DO SO TO WIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR TURKISH ASSISTANCE.
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